

# Press Release

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## **TENCATE™ WINS 2008 IFAI AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

**PENDERGRASS, GA.** -- TenCate™ Geosynthetics North America is pleased to announce the company has received the 2008 Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) Award of Excellence for the project entitled “Swamp and Stream Crossing Airmail Drive” that used Mirafi® HP370. This project, designed by Terratech Consulting Ltd. Of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada, involved the construction of a pile supported geotextile reinforced soil (GRS) road embankment and open bottom stream crossing structure across a 5m deep peat deposit in the south central interior of British Columbia. This project was constructed in an expeditious manner with very limited impact on the environment. The structure itself has re-established fish passage between the Sheridan Lake and Staley Lake in British Columbia. Along with exceeding short-term performance goals, this project is also expected to provide long-term support for the proposed traffic.

The International Achievement Awards recognize worldwide excellence in design, technological innovation and excellence within the specialty fabrics industry. This year the 61<sup>st</sup> annual competition received 408 total entries from 16 countries for 28 categories.

A distinguished panel of industry experts, editors, architects, educators and design professionals judged the entries. Chosen for their knowledge of the various categories, judges evaluated each entry based on complexity, design, workmanship, uniqueness and function.

"We are excited to have won the 2008 IFAI Award of Excellence again this year," stated John Henderson, PE - Vice President of Marketing for TenCate™ Geosynthetics. "This award shows our continued commitment to document unique applications using geosynthetic products." In fact, British Columbia Highways are evaluating other potential sites where this unique technology could be used.

The International Achievement Awards competition is sponsored by IFAI, a not-for-profit trade association with over 2,000 member companies representing the international specialty fabric marketplace. The 2008 International Achievement Awards were

presented during the IFAI Expo 2008, the Americas' largest annual specialty fabric event, held October 21-23 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

TenCate™ Geosynthetics North America develops and produces materials that increase performance, reduce costs and enable people to achieve what was once unachievable. TenCate™ Geosynthetic products are used in a vast array of Civil Engineering projects worldwide. As the global leader in geosynthetics, TenCate™ develops products that contribute to the stability of large-scale construction projects such as dams, dikes and roads. For more information, visit [www.tencate.com](http://www.tencate.com).

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